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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Gary K. Michelson, M.D. )  
Serial No.: 10/802,906 )  
Filed: March 17, 2004 )  
For: ORTHOPEDIC IMPLANT WITH )  
LOCKING ELEMENT (AS AMENDED) )

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**TERMINAL DISCLAIMER**

Petitioner ("assignee") SDGI Holdings, Inc., duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, and whose post office address is 300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 508, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, represents that it is the only assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified application, Serial No. 10/802,906, filed March 17, 2004 for ORTHOPEDIC IMPLANT WITH LOCKING ELEMENT in the name of Gary Karlin Michelson as indicated by the assignment recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 016164, Frame 0253; and is the only assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to Application Serial No. 09/022,344, filed February 11, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,139,550), for SKELETAL PLATING SYSTEM in the name of Gary Karlin Michelson as indicated by the assignment recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 016164, Frame 0253.

Assignee SDGI Holdings, Inc. further represents through its representative that to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief, title to the above-identified application and the United States Patent No. 6,139,550 are in assignee, which is submitting this Terminal Disclaimer.

To obviate a double patenting rejection, SDGI Holdings, Inc. hereby disclaims, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.321, the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application, Serial No. 10/802,906, which would extend beyond the expiration date of Patent No. 6,139,550 and hereby agrees that any patent so granted

on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to United States Patent No. 6,139,550, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, Petitioner does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on application Serial No. 10/802,906 that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. §§ 154 to 156 and 173 of Patent No. 6,139,550, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, in the event that Patent No. 6,139,550: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or in part, is terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321, has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

In accordance with the fee schedule set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), the required fee of \$130.00 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3726.

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The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of assignee SDGI Holdings, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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